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RUCMACC/CDRPSYOPGP FT BRAGG NC//AORC-POG-SB//
RUCBSAA/USCINCLANT NORFOLK VA//J2//
RUWSMXI/AMC INTEL CEN SCOTT AFB IL//IN//
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RUEOFAA/COMJSOC FT BRAGG NC//J2//
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BODY

TAGS: KPOW, MOPS, PREL, PHUM, RS
SUBJECT: RE-INTERVIEW OF ALEKSANDR GIORGIEVICH DMITRIEV

REF: MOSCOW 18386

1. SUMMARY: ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1993, TFR TEAM MEMBERS AND RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE MET WITH ALEKSANDR GIORGIEVICH DMITRIEV. THE INTERVIEW WAS AT THE REQUEST OF DMITRIEV, WHO HAD INTIMATED AT A PREVIOUS INTERVIEW (REFTEL) THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO SIBERIA, TO VISIT MANY ARCHIVES AROUND RUSSIA (INCLUDING MOSCOW). DMITRIEV SAID THAT HE HAS NARROWED NKVD ACTIVITIES IN THE FAR EAST DURING 1951-4 TO A SPECIFIC NKVD BATTALION WHICH HE CONCLUDED WAS INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING AMERICAN POWS FROM KOREA TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE PROVIDED ARCHIVAL CITATION FOR THE DOCUMENT WHICH HE SAYS SUPPORTS HIS CONCLUSIONS.

BACKGROUND

2. ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1993, TFR TEAM MEMBER TIHOMIROV WAS TELEPHONED BY ALEKSANDR GIORGIEVICH DMITRIEV WHO REQUESTED TO MEET WITH TFR BECAUSE HE HAD IMPORTANT POW/MIA INFORMATION TO PASS. ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1993, TEAM CHIEF PARR, TEAM MEMBERS TIHOMIROV AND TROYAN, AND RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE KOLTOVICH MET WITH DMITRIEV. DMITRIEV HAD INTIMATED AT A PREVIOUS INTERVIEW (REFTEL) THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO SIBERIA AND THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT MANY ARCHIVES AROUND RUSSIA (INCLUDING MOSCOW). HE HAD ALSO SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO MAKE KOREAN WAR POW/MIA ONE OF THE PRIMARY INTERESTS OF THIS RESEARCH, WITH THE INTENT TO ASSIST THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. HE HAD PROMISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING TO PASS PERTINENT INFORMATION TO TFR.

THE 77TH DIVISION OF INTERNAL SECURITY

3. DMITRIEV SAID HE HAS NARROWED NKVD ACTIVITIES IN THE FAR EAST DURING 1951-4 TO THE 77TH DIVISION OF INTERNAL SECURITY. ACCORDING TO DMITRIEV, THIS DIVISION WAS RENAMED IN 1951 AS THE 11TH DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY OF THE MVD. HE SAID HE TRACED THIS ORGANIZATION, WHICH WAS HEADQUARTERED IN Khabarovsk, TO SEVERAL BATTALIONS, ONE OF WHICH WAS LOCATED IN VLADIVOSTOK.

THE 82ND INDEPENDENT BATTALION (22ND INDEPENDENT BATTALION)

4. DMITRIEV SAID HE CHECKED ARCHIVAL HOLDINGS IN THE RUSSIAN STATE MILITARY ARCHIVE ON ULITSA ADMIRALA MAKAROVA FOR THIS BATTALION, WHICH HE SAID WAS DESIGNATED THE 22ND INDEPENDENT BATTALION AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VLADIVOSTOK AREA. HE SAID HE FOUND A WRITTEN ORDER DIRECTED TO THE 82ND INDEPENDENT BATTALION (OTDEL'NIY

DIVISION) TO "BE PREPARED FOR A SPECIAL CARGO" (BYT' GOTOVYM K OSOBOMU GRUZU), WHICH DMITRIEV SAID MEANT "TO STRENGTHEN THE GUARD FOR THE SPECIAL CARGO" (USILIT' OKHRANU OSOBOGO GRUZA). HE SAID THE ORDER IS DATED APRIL 8, 1951. (TFR COMMENT: DMITRIEV INDICATED THAT THE 22ND BATTALION WAS REDESIGNATED "82ND BATTALION." END COMMENT.) HE SAID THE DOCUMENT IS LOCATED IN FOND 38071, OPIS' 1, DELO 80, PAGE 120. HE SAID HE WENT INTO THE "SPECIAL READING ROOM (OSOBIY CHITATEL'NIY ZAL)" BUT WAS CHALLENGED BY THE "YOUNG LADY BEHIND THE DESK" FOR HIS SPECIAL PASS. HE SAID HE TOLD HER THAT HE DID NOT HAVE IT WITH HIM BUT THAT HE JUST WANTED TO SEE THE LISTING OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE 82ND INDEPENDENT BATTALION. DMITRIEV SAID HE WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD LOOK AT ANY DOCUMENTS EXCEPT THOSE OF THE 82ND, BECAUSE THEY CONTAINED DEROGATORY INFORMATION OF A PERSONAL NATURE ON INDIVIDUALS.
DMITRIEV'S CONCLUSION

5. DMITRIEV SAID HE HAS READ ALL SORTS OF DEROGATORY INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUALS IN OPEN FILES, SO HER EXPLANATION FOR NOT ALL OWING ACCESS DIDN'T MAKE SENSE. HE CONCLUDED FROM THIS THAT THE 82ND WAS PROBABLY INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING POWS FROM KOREA TO THE SOVIET UNION. DMITRIEV SAID HE REQUESTED THE ARCHIVIST PREPARE A LISTING OF DOCUMENTS FOR HIM FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 1993. HE SAID HE IMMEDIATELY CALLED TFR TEAM MEMBER TIHOMIROV AND REQUESTED A MEETING. DMITRIEV INSISTED THAT IF THE AMERICAN SIDE OF THE COMMISSION WOULD HIRE HIM AS A

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CONSULTANT, HE COULD FIND THIS INFORMATION FOR THEM BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE THE POWER OF THE COMMISSION BEHIND HIM.

6. COMMENT: TEAM WILL ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE OF MS. KOLTOVICH IN CONFIRMING THE EXISTENCE OF THE DOCUMENT AND GAINING ITS RELEASE TO THE U.S. SIDE OF THE COMMISSION.

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